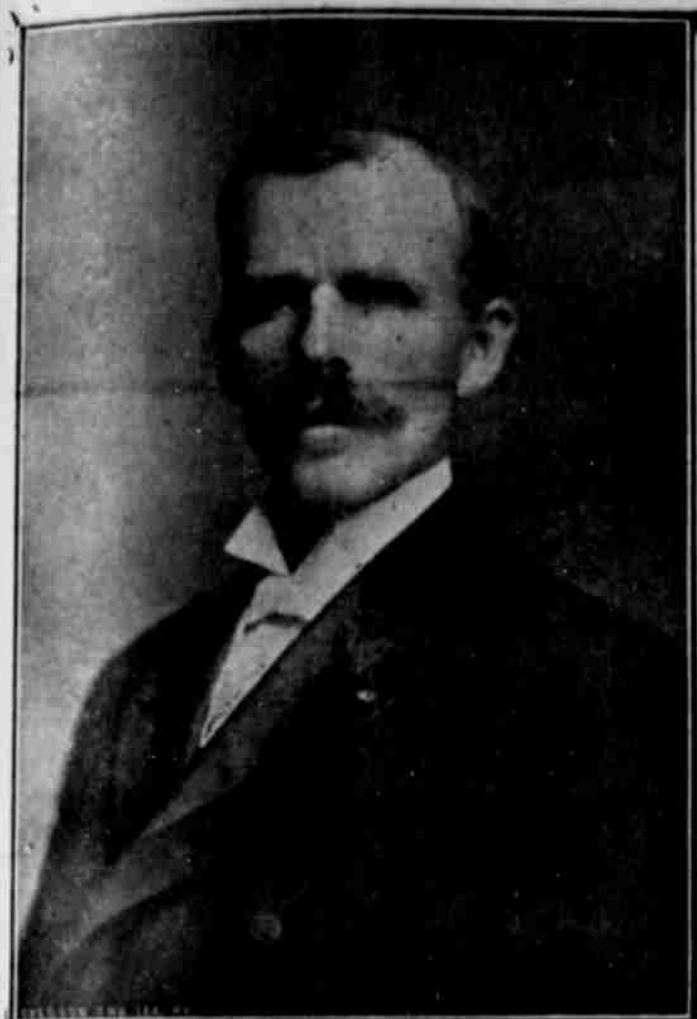


THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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VOLUME 61—NO. 13 HICKMAN, FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1909. WHOLE NO. 2-153 ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1859



REV. W. J. COCKE

State Evangelist, of Lexington, who will conduct a meeting at the Christian Church, beginning, Sunday, July, 4th.

Facts About Man.

The average weight of an adult is 140 pounds. The average weight of a skeleton is about 14 pounds, and the number of bones is 240. The skeleton measures one inch less than the height of the living man.

The average height of an Englishman is 5 feet 9 inches; of a Frenchman, 5 feet 4 inches; and of a Belgian 5 feet 3-4 inches. The average weight of an Englishman is 150 pounds, of a Frenchman, 135 pounds, of a Belgian 140 pounds.

A man breathes about twenty times in a minute or 1,200 times in an hour. He breathes about 18 pints of air a minute or upwards of seven hogheads a day.

The average of the pulse in infancy is 120 beats per minute; in manhood, eighty; at sixty years of age it is sixty. The pulse beats of females is more rapid than of males.

The weight of the circulating blood is about 23 pounds. The heart makes four beats while we breathe once. Five hundred and forty pounds or one hoghead of blood, pass through the heart in one hour.

The lungs of a man have 174,000,000 cells, which would cover a surface thirty times greater than that of a human body.

Hogs Reach \$8

The highest June price for live hogs since 1882 was established Friday at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, when best porkers sold at the long-predicted figure of \$8 a hundred pounds. The fastidious Hickmanite, who has been accustomed to replenish his tummy with nothing cheaper than a "ham and—" will wake up to the luxury of common old sow bacon if this high price business does not stop.

The proposed fourteen foot deep waterway project from St. Louis to the Gulf received a blow when the Board of Engineers reported to Congress that such a waterway is not desirable. The waterway would cost \$128,000,000 for construction and \$6,000,000 annually for maintenance, the engineers say.

Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, has signed the bill prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes in public places by persons between the age of 10 and 18 years. Pity the age limit was not 1 and 101.

You will save money on your bill of shingles by buying direct from our mill. See or write us.—Yates & Kirk Shingle Co., Hickman, Ky.

Mrs. J. B. Housley and children are visiting relatives in Nashville.

Judge B. T. Davis was in Union City on business Monday.

Finding The Drowned.

According to a Columbus, Ga., special to the Republic, the body of Brady Grooms, a young man who was drowned the other day in the Chattahoochee River, was recovered the next day in a remarkable manner. After searching in vain for hours, the father of the young man was advised to toss into the river one of his son's shirts, and told that it would sink immediately over the spot where the body lay. This was tried. The shirt, drifted down the river a distance near the bank, then suddenly floated to the middle of the stream and sank. Groom's body was found with the shirt clinging to his legs.

Rural Telephone.

Mr. Farmer: Make your home as modern for your family as a city residence. You can do this by installing a telephone and connecting with the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company. Special terms for farmers. For further information, call the manager of the CUMBERLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY, (Incorporated).

Were the Debts Paid.

A farmer finds a one dollar bill and appropriates it by right of discovery. He goes to town and pays it to the newspaper man on his subscription; the newspaper hands it to the merchant to pay for something he has just bought; the merchant pays his meat bill with it; the butcher hands it to the farmer to finish paying for a calf he had purchased; the farmer then takes it to the bank with some other for deposit, and is informed that it is counterfeit. Now the question arises: Were all these debts paid or not?—Ex.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red eggs (15) for setting, \$1.00. Splendid layers.—Mrs. G. B. Threlkeld, State Line, Ky. 7-1-9



"AN EYE FOR EYE" LAW OF BLOODY BREATHITT

Breathitt county, Kentucky, of world-wide fame on account of its never-ending feuds, is again in the limelight. Ed Callahan is the last victim of the assassin's bullet. One by one the marks go on the gun stock. Once there was a powerful coterie of murderers doing business in Breathitt nearly all of whom have rendered the tooth for a tooth as has been decreed.

The palm of ability of course belonged to the acknowledged artist in this line of ending men's lives, Jim Hargis. Hargis it was who reduced murder to a science; either from lack of courage or from a business standpoint he perceived the wisdom of paying men to kill other men who were in his way rather than do the deed himself. For a time this manner of things was profitable; the nights are dark in Breathitt just as they are elsewhere, and it was necessarily a simple matter to pump a deadly leaden bullet into the rear anatomy of some undesirable person from the friendly shadow of ambush. Hargis had quite a number of expert shots on his pay roll. Chief among these was Ed Callahan, who at times was kept quite busy reducing the census of Breathitt. Callahan did not do the deed himself always, but saw that it was done at the request of the master higher up. A sad commentary this on modern civilization, but true nevertheless. He, it will be remembered was a member of the party which bided their

time in the shadow of a barn while Dr. Cox, unconscious of the danger awaiting him, rode down the moonlit road to death. Curt Jett it was who did the deed, now pensively meditating upon the sins of this life within the solitude of the Frankfort penitentiary. Hargis was also present at this midnight assassination and remarked, it will be remembered, how like the squealing of a hog Dr. Cox's death agonies reminded him, showing conclusively that even in situations of this nature, he had an eye for similarities.

Hargis also was the head that planned the death of ex-Congressman Marcum, together with Callahan, and carried out by Jett and other associates. Remarkable to relate the men who committed these crimes were known in nearly every instance, but such was the strength of the power that ruled in bloody Breathitt, no arrests were made to speak of, and when they were valuable witnesses always disappeared with a startling abruptness.

Such conditions could not continue always however; evil can prevail only for a time and those who transgress the laws of God and man, in time get their just deserts. Just at this interesting stage when peace seemed to hover over the scenes of carnage justice mounted the saddle. Old Jim Cockrill, it was who first fell before its fury. He was in Louisville and possibly while endeavoring to drown some old memories

which came up before his vision like gaunt spectres of the past, he looked upon the wine when it was at its reddest, and during a nocturnal ramble was struck by a railroad train and killed.

It next pointed its decisive finger at Jim Hargis, and he too, went to that higher tribunal to answer for the deeds done in this life. It was at the hands of his degenerate son that he met death while in his place of business. How like justice was this that the hand of his own son should be the instrument for his undoing. But justice was not yet through; Ed Callahan was yet alive. From a midnight shootist he had reformed and become a bulwark of churches. For some reason, however, he was never quite able to get away from the shadow of impending danger which constantly hung over him. There came to him—the conclusion that he too would have to pay the reckoning. The same means which he had employed in ending other men's lives was turned against him. He was shot from ambush and while still alive it seems that his fight with death will be a long one.

Thus has justice stalked in the footsteps of the guilty, and like a Nemesis, brought to those who lived in darkness the whirlwind of disaster even as they had sown the wind of hate.

NOTICE: In agreement with all banks of Hickman County, Ky., the Moscow Bank will close in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, until further notice is given. Please arrange your business accordingly.—R. A. BROCK, Cashier.

Use English Sparrows.

The first evidence of practical use of the English sparrow is that of submitting them in target practice for the report of the gun club at Hopkinsville. The price the club pays for each full grown bird in flying condition is 2 1-2 cents. As fast as the birds are caught they are caged and fed until released for the marksmanship of the gunners. Here's hoping the Hickman Gun Club gets the habit.

Ingenious Maiden.

An author engaged a young lady typewriter to take down his new novel from dictation. At the passage: "Oh my adorable angel, accept the confession from my lips that I cannot exist without you! Make me happy! Come and share my lot and be mine until death do us part!"—and his fair secretary paused and ingeniously inquired: "Is that to go down with the rest?"

For Sake of Health.

A small amount of lime scattered around your premises at this season of the year will do a vast amount of good, and possibly save you a serious spell of sickness during the coming summer. It does not cost much and every citizen should see to it that enough is used to purify the back lots of his property. Don't wait until it's too late. Do it now.

Demand for Ky. Coal.

Kentucky coal operators will soon be enjoying big business again, notwithstanding the fact that this is the time of year when the coal business is dull. The operators, it is said, have made big contracts with the Illinois Central railroad, and it will require considerable time to fill them. In addition, heavy shipments of coal are to be made to Panama by Kentucky operators, and the outlook is bright for big business.

New Officials Take Oath.

At a meeting of the South Fulton City Council, held Friday night, June 11, all the newly elected city officials were inducted into office, and the appointive offices were filled. Mayor Adrian McDade administered the oath of office to his successor, J. P. Swann, who then administered the oath to the councilmen, W. D. Morgan, J. L. Callahan, W. T. Lockridge, W. H. Wolf, J. C. Rogers and Dr. R. N. Whitehead. The new officers then proceeded to fill the appointive offices as follows: D. M. Weaver, marshal; Homer Swann, recorder; Pete Chambers, treasurer.

Adolphus Busch will build a \$250,000 home in St. Louis. Lots of fellows around Hickman helped the poor fellow out.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

White Coods and Wash Coods

We put the price low in order to clean up completely our Summer Wash Fabrics. In nearly every instance, goods are marked at COST OR LESS; you'll appreciate the great reductions upon inspecting the goods!

Cross-Cord Batiste, Foulard Rays, Roxane Batiste in pretty floral and figured effects, has been sold regularly at 15c, 20c and 25c a yard, now **12¹/₂c**

Swisses, Pongees, Organdies and Lawns, solid colors and fancies in dainty figures, stripes and floral figures. Regular prices 25c and 35c a yard, now **15c**

All White Pongees, Dotted Swisses, Lace Stripes, &c. plain and mercerized stripes, all good styles though slightly soiled on ends, regular 20c, 25c and 35c a yard, now **15c**

Silk Pongees and Embroidered Swisses, solid colors, self-colored figures, regular price is 50c a yard. Now **25c**

The above are Real Bargains, as a look will show!

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